29th March, 1986 that International terrorist organisations are being secretly funded through donations by some Indian Government companies; and

(b) is so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) Government have no information regarding funding of any International terrorist organisation by Indian Government Companies abroad. In the context of the report referred to in part (a) of the question, it may be mentioned that donation of 300 Iraqi Dinars each were made on two occasions by National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd. to Palestinian Liberation Organisation for cultural and social purposes. The Palestinian Liberation Organisation is a National Liberation Organisation and has been accorded full diplomatic status by the Government of India.

Cultivation of jute in West Bengal

@1538-B. SHRI CHITTA BASU :
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the decision of the West Bengal Government to reduce the cultivation of jute in the coming season; and

(b) if so, what would be its impact on the economy of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Jute has to be cultivated in areas suitable for its cultivation. The decision of the State Government to restrict its cultivation to agronomically suited areas is in the right direction. The increased productivity will provide sufficient raw jute to meet the requirement of jute industry. Hence the jute economy is not likely to be adversely affected.

Drug addiction among Government employees

†1538-C. SHRI YELLA SESI BHUSHAN RAO : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has been made to ascertain the incidence of drug addiction among the Central Government employees;

(b) if so, the results thereof; and

(c) what measures are being taken by Government to check drug addiction among the Central Government employees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No specific measure has been taken which exclusively focusses on those Central Government employees who may be drug addicts. However, a number of measures have been taken, such as (i) continued publicity to create awareness among the people about the ill-effects of drinking and drug abuse; (ii) holding of deaddiction camps; and (iii) Setting up of Counselling Centres etc. These efforts are aimed at all the sections of society including the Government employees.

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